

CLAIMS

1. An antenna device (10, 20, 30) for a portable device (1), the antenna device (10, 20, 30) comprising an antenna loop (11, 21, 31) of conducting material having
5 first and second ends to be connected to radio frequency (RF) circuitry and a ground plane of a PCB (16, 26, 36), respectively, **characterized** in that the antenna device (10, 20, 30) further comprises a ground plane extender (17a, 17b, 27a, 27b, 37a, 37b) positioned in the extension of a
10 first side of the PCB (16, 26, 36).

2. The antenna device according to claim 1, wherein the antenna loop comprises first and second connectors (15a, 15b, 25a, 25b, 35a, 35b) provided at a second side of
15 the PCB (16, 26, 36) for connecting the antenna loop (11, 21, 31) to the RF circuitry and the ground plane of the PCB (16, 26, 36), respectively.

3. The antenna device according to claim 1 or 2,
20 wherein the antenna loop (11, 21, 31) further comprises:
a first portion (12) having a first and a second end, said portion (12, 22, 32) extending in a first direction along a third side of the PCB (16, 26, 36), the first end being connected to the RF circuitry of the PCB (16, 26,
25 36);
a second portion (13, 23, 33) having a first and a second end, the first end of the second portion (13, 23, 33) being connected to the second end of the first portion (12, 22, 32), said second portion extending in a second
30 direction from the third side of the PCB (16, 26, 36) towards a fourth side thereof, which is opposite said third side; and
a third portion (14, 24, 34) having a first and a second end, the first end of the third portion (14, 24, 34)
35 being connected to the second end of the second portion

(13, 23, 33) and the second end of the third portion (14, 24, 34) being connected to the ground plane of the PCB (16, 26, 36), said third portion (14, 24, 34) extending in the opposite direction of said first direction along said
5 fourth side of the PCB (16, 26, 36).

4. The antenna device according to any of the previous claims, wherein the PCB (16, 26, 36) is a multi-layer PCB having one layer used as a dedicated RF ground
10 plane, which also provides the ground plane of the antenna device (10, 20, 30).

5. The antenna device according to any of the previous claims, wherein the antenna extender is at least
15 one battery casing (17a, 17b, 27a, 27b, 37a, 37b) of a battery cell having a position to serve as an extension of the ground plane of the PCB (16, 26, 36).

6. The antenna device according to any of the previous claims, wherein the antenna loop (11, 21, 31) is
20 positioned opposite a first or a second surface of the PCB (16, 26, 36).

7. The antenna device according to any of the previous claims, wherein the conductive material of the
25 antenna loop (11, 21, 31) is metal.

8. The antenna according to claim 6, wherein the antenna loop (11, 21, 31) is a U-shaped dielectric having
30 the antenna shape etched into the dielectric.

9. The antenna device according to claim 4 or 5, wherein the antenna loop (11, 21, 31) is provided inside the PCB (16, 26, 36).

10. The antenna device according to any of the previous claims, wherein a bezel (28, 38), which is connected to the PCB, extends from the third side of the PCB (26, 36) towards the fourth side of the PCB, and/or
5 bezel flanges (39a, 39b) connected to said ground plane extends along the third and fourth sides of the PCB.

11. A multi-layer printed circuit board (PCB), characterized by an antenna device according to any of the
10 claims 1-10.

12. A portable communication device, characterized by an antenna according to any of the claims 1-10.

15 13. The portable communication device according to claim 12, wherein the apparatus is a headset (1).